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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

THIS UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND IS REALLY JUST A WAY TO HAVE TELEPHONE CARRIERS COLLECT A HIDDEN TAX. IT IS ESPECIALLY UNFAIR TO LOWER INCOME RETIREES WHO NEED A WIRELESS SERVICE FOR SAFETY TO CONTACT HELP IN AN EMERGENCY. WE PAY SO MANY DIFFERENT TAXES NOW THAT SOME OF US HAVE TO DECIDE BETWEEN FOOD AND MEDICATIONS. SMALL RAISES IN S.S. ARE OFFSET BY INCREASES IN THE COST OF MEDICARE. THEN THE GOVT. TURNS AROUND AND REDUCES THE SERVICES PAID FOR BY MEDICARE. NEXT YOU WILL BE FOLLOWING THE ESKIMOS AND PUTTING US OUT ON AN ICE FLOE TO DIE. iSN'T IT TIME FOR SOME BRANCH OF GOVT. TO GIVE THE ELDERLY A BREAK?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members